

Virginia
(Dollars in Thousands)

Virginia	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	820,812	-40,621	780,191

* The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in Virginia totaled about \$821 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$41 million. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- The Department of Interior has a significant presence in Virginia with over 4,000 employees. Virginia has 31 units of the National Park System within its borders or shares with adjoining States. In addition, Virginia hosts many varied and significant refuges.
- Together these assets attracted over 24.1 million visitors, created over 7,300 jobs, and generated \$480 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Virginia stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$1.9 million from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities.
 - \$9.6 million from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge* and *James River National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$3.3 million from National Park Service sites like *Shenandoah National Park*, *Colonial National Historical Park*, and *Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania county Battlefields Memorial National Military Park*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Virginia would drop by about \$1.7 million.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Abandoned Mine Land Grants	10,929	-557	10,372
Historic Preservation Fund	415	-21	394
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	939	-47	892
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	3,207	-164	3,043
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	16,199	-826	15,373
State and Wildlife Grants	1,005	-50	955
Mineral Revenue Payments	45	-2	43
Total, Virginia	32,739	-1,667	31,072

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.